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REMARKS

The allowance of claim 9 is noted with thanks, as is the indicated allowability of claims 3-7. However, it is believed that all of the pending claims are allowable over the art.

The rejection of claims 2, 8 and 10 as being obvious from Yi in view of Shiu is in error. Claims 2, 8 and 10 require that the plug connector has a housing that includes an accommodation chamber, and a support plate that divides the accommodation chamber in first and second sections.

The Examiner takes the position that Yi shows a housing 30 having an accommodation chamber (not numbered) which is divided by support plate 165 in a first and a second section. This is not correct. The assembly shown in Yi does not have a housing having an accommodation chamber. Rather, in Yi, the assembly is embedded in a non-conductive material by means of injection molding. Dotted line 30 indicates the dimensions of the non-conductive encapsulation material, and not a housing or chamber (see column 4, lines 58 to 64). As plate 16 is completely embedded in non-conductive material, there is no housing having an accommodation chamber!

Even assuming arguendo the space occupied by adapter plate 16 forms an accommodation chamber within the non-conductive material, such accommodation chamber is not divided into first and second sections by an adapter plate as required by Applicants' claims. Thus, claims 2, 8 and 10 (and also claim 11 which depends from claim 2) define over the prior art.

Further, claim 2 defines over the prior art since none of the applied art alone or in combination show two USB couplings which are mounted to the support plate so as to face

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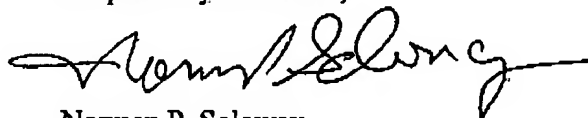
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away from each other. As is clearly shown in Shiu, the two USB couplings do not face away from each other (please see Figure 1) but are arranged in parallel so as to face the same direction.

The foregoing amendment makes no claim changes that would require further search by the Examiner. Thus, entry of the foregoing amendment, and allowance of the application are respectfully request.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

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